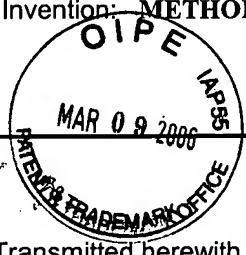

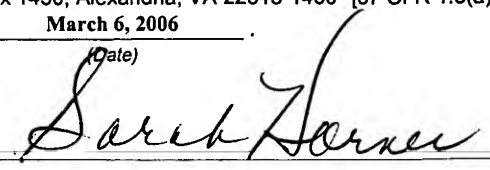


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Invention: <b>METHOD OF MANUFACTURING STAINLESS STEEL PIPE FOR USE IN PIPING SYSTEMS</b>					
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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2005, please amend the subject application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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